

Dear German 1 Student,

I hope you have enjoyed your first year in German. It has been a pleasure for me to have you in class. I've enjoyed the various experiences we have had together.

I would like to encourage you to enroll in German again next year. Learning a language well is a process that takes more than one year, and there are many benefits that you can experience by continuing to learn German. Studies have shown that students who take multiple years of a second language perform better on standardized tests such as the ACT or SAT. Next year in German 2 you can become a member of Delta Epsilon Phi, the national German high school honor society. Becoming a member of the society can help you to get into the college of your choice. You can also get 5 credits of German 1010 concurrent enrollment credit. You can continue to have a positive social experience in class and in the German club. We want to make the club even better again next year. Best of all, your German skills will get a lot better if you take another year of German. The more you invest in learning another language, the more benefits you receive. Expanding your German skills will open doors for you and help you prepare for your future.

Sometimes it can be difficult to fit German into your busy school schedule. If you have any difficulties or concerns while you are planning your schedule, please come and talk with me. I have lots of ideas and resources. I'm sure we can find a good solution to any schedule problem you might have.

Take German again next year; you'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Van Orden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Stephen Van Orden  
German Teacher, Timpview High School